

State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Yorba Country Car Wash
17581 Yorba Linda Boulevard
Yorba Linda, CA 92886-3824

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Complaint No. R8-2003-0062
for
Mandatory Penalties

Attention: Gabrielle Bidondo, President)

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE THAT:

1. Yorba Country Car Wash (YCCW) is alleged to have violated provisions of law for which the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Board), must impose mandatory penalties pursuant to California Water Code (Water Code) Section 13385(h) and (i).
2. A hearing concerning this Complaint is scheduled for the Board's regular meeting on July 1, 2003. YCCW or its representatives will have an opportunity to appear and be heard and to contest the allegations in this complaint and the imposition of mandatory penalties by the Board. An agenda for the meeting and the staff report related to the Complaint will be mailed to you not less than 10 days prior to the hearing date.
3. If a hearing is held, the Board will consider whether to affirm, reject or modify the proposed mandatory penalties or whether to refer this matter to the Attorney General for recovery of judicial civil liability.
4. This complaint is based on the following facts:
 - a. YCCW operates a car wash and a service station at 17581 Yorba Linda Boulevard in Yorba Linda. A groundwater treatment system at the site treats and discharges contaminated groundwater from the site. On January 23, 2002, the Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R8-2002-0007 (NPDES No. CAG918001), General Groundwater Cleanup Permit (Permit). The Permits includes effluent limits for a number of constituents including tertiary butyl alcohol (TBA). On April 2, 2002, YCCW was authorized to discharge treated water from its groundwater cleanup system and was required to monitor the discharge in accordance with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 02-0007-005.
 - b. YCCW submitted a quarterly self-monitoring report, which indicated that it discharged TBA at 57 micrograms per liter (µg/l) or ppb on November 4, 2002. This concentration exceeded both the effluent maximum daily

concentration of 18.6 ppb and the average monthly concentration limit of 12 ppb for TBA. Furthermore, these exceedences are serious violations as defined under Water Code Section 13385(h).

5. Water Code Section 13385(h) and (i) requires the Board to assess a mandatory minimum penalty of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for each serious and/or other specific types of violations.
6. In accordance with Water Code Section 13385(h), the mandatory minimum penalty for the effluent limitation violations cited in Section 4, above, is \$6,000.
7. In addition, the Board may also assess administrative civil liability of \$10,000 per day for each day of violation and \$10 per gallon for each gallon discharged in excess of 1,000 gallons in accordance with Water Code Section 13385(c). The maximum administrative civil liability that may be imposed for these violations is \$60,860 (\$20,000 for two days of violation and \$40,860 based on $5,086 - 1,000 = 4086$ gallons @ \$10 per gallon).
8. In assessing the penalty, the Board must consider the nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the violation, and, with respect to the violator, the ability to pay, any prior history of violations, the degree of culpability, economic benefits, or savings resulting from the violation, and other matters as justice may require. After consideration of these factors, the Executive Officer proposes that mandatory penalties of \$6,000 be imposed on YCCW by the Board for the violations cited above.
9. You may waive your right to a hearing. If you waive your right to a hearing, please sign the attached waiver form and return it together with a check for \$6,000 payable to the State Water Resources Control Board and the bottom portion of the invoice to Sacramento in the enclosed envelope.

If you have any questions regarding this complaint, please contact Ken Williams at (909) 782-4496 or Nancy Olson-Martin at (909) 782-4497, or the Board's staff counsel, Jorge Leon, at (916) 341-5180.

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Date

Gerard J. Thibeault

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Executive Officer

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region

IN THE MATTER OF:)

Yorba Country Car Wash) Complaint No. R8-2003-0062
17581 Yorba Linda Boulevard) for
Yorba Linda, CA 92886-3824) Mandatory Penalties

Attention: Gabrielle Bidondo)

WAIVER OF HEARING

I agree to waive the right of Yorba Country Car Wash to a hearing before the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board with regard to the violations alleged in Complaint No. R8-2003-0062. I have enclosed a check for \$6,000 made payable to the State Water Resources Control Board. I understand that I am giving up the right of Yorba Country Car Wash to be heard and to argue against allegations made by the Executive Officer in Complaint No. R8-2003-0062, and against the imposition of, and amount of, the mandatory penalties.

Date

for Yorba Country Car Wash

Winston H. Hickox
*Secretary for
Environmental
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State Water Resources Control Board



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To:

YORBA COUNTRY CARWASH
17581 YORBA LINDA BLVD.
YORBA LINDA, CA 92886-3824

Invoice No: 33942

Invoice Date: 05/30/2003

Enforcement Action ID: 72463

Enforcement Order No: R8-2003-0062

INVOICE

ACLCOMP

Description	Amount	Due Date
44931 LIABILITY AMOUNT	\$6,000.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$6,000.00	

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Retain above portion for your records

Please return bottom portion with your payment

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17581 YORBA LINDA BLVD.
YORBA LINDA, CA 92886-3824

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**SWRCB ACCOUNTING
ATTN: ENFORCEMENT
P. O. Box 100
SACRAMENTO, CA 95812-0100**

Amount Enclosed: \$_____

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June 3, 2003

**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT
REQUESTED**

Ms. Gabrielle Bidondo, President
Yorba Country Car Wash
17581 Yorba Linda Boulevard
Yorba Linda, CA 92886-3824

MANDATORY PENALTY COMPLAINT NO. R8-2003-0062

Dear Ms. Bidondo:

We are enclosing a certified copy of Complaint No. R8-2003-0062, proposing a mandatory penalty of \$6,000. The complaint is issued pursuant to California Water Code Section 13385(h), for two violations of the effluent limitations specified in Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R8-2002-0007. An invoice for this amount is also enclosed.

A public hearing on this matter is scheduled for the Regional Board meeting on July 1, 2003. The staff report regarding this complaint and a meeting agenda will be mailed to you no less than 10 days prior to the Board meeting.

You have the option to waive your right to a hearing. Should you decide to waive your right and pay the proposed assessment, the Regional Board may not hold a public hearing on this matter. If you choose to waive your right to a hearing, please sign the enclosed waiver form and submit the form with a check or money order for \$6,000. The waiver form, the bottom portion of the invoice and the check should be mailed to Sacramento using the enclosed envelope. All other correspondence regarding this complaint should be directed to the regional board office listed on this letterhead.

If you do not wish to waive your right to a hearing, a pre-hearing meeting with Board staff is recommended. Should you wish to schedule a pre-hearing meeting, please contact us prior to June 10, 2003. At that time, you may submit information that may not have been previously available to staff regarding this violation. This information should address the accuracy of the findings in the complaint.

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Ms. Bidondo
Yorba Country Car Wash

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June 3, 2003

If you have any questions regarding this complaint, you may contact Ken Williams at (909) 782-4496 or Michael Adackapara at (909) 782-3238. All legal questions should be referred to our legal counsel, Jorge Leon, at (916) 341-5180.

Sincerely,



Gerard J. Thibeault
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Complaint No. R8-2003-0062, Waiver Form, Invoice, and Envelope

cc: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Clean Water – UST Chief
State Water Resources Control Board, Office of the Chief Counsel – Jorge Leon
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (WTR-7) – Kathi Moore
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